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FOR : VOA MIDDLE EAST DIRECTOR ROBERTS

E.O.: 11652: N/A

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SUBJ: DEATH OF KING FAISAL

REF : BEIRUT 7452

1. ROBERTS AND SOWAN SHOULD NOT RPT NOT PLAN ON COMING TO JIDDA EVENING MARCH 25. FOREIGN MINISTRY IN STATE OF PARTICULARLY INCHOATE CONFUSION AND IT IS DOUBTFUL IF WE COULD ARRANGE FOR AIRPORT VISAS. THERE IS MOREOVER ABSOLUTELY NO RPT NO HOTEL SPACE IN JIDDA OR RIYADH, AND AT LEAST ONE NON-RESIDENT FOREIGN AMBASSADOR ASKED THE EMBASSY THIS AFTERNOON IF WE HAD ANY VACANT ACCOMMODATIONS (WE DO NOT).

2. FINALLY, ROYAL DIWAN HAS INFORMED US NO RPT NO FUNERAL CEREMONIES ARE PLANNED AND NO FOREIGN DIGNITARIES ARE INVITED (ALTHOUGH SOME MIGHT COME WITHOUT INVITATION). GIVEN SAUDI ARABIA'S PARTICULAR MORES SAG WOULD PREFER KING FAISAL'S FUNERAL TO PASS WITH A MINIMUM OF PUBLICITY.
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